



CITY OF LODI

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

AGENDA TITLE: Conduct Public Hearing to Consider 1993-94 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Allocation

MEETING DATE: April 7, 1993

PREPARED BY: Community Development Director

RECOMMENDED ACTION: That the City Council conduct a public hearing to solicit public comments and project ideas and to consider local and multi-jurisdictional proposals.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The City will receive \$499,455 from the Federal government under the CDBG Program for the 93-94 fiscal year. To be eligible for funding, projects must meet one of three national objectives:

1. To address the needs of low and moderate income persons.
2. To eliminate a slum or blighted condition.
3. To resolve an urgent need.

While it is expected that the City Council will continue to fund certain continuing projects/programs such as administration and Dial-a-Ride, several new proposals have been received. The proposals are as follows:

Administration

Funding in the amount of \$25,162.40 is being proposed since it has been estimated that about half of the assigned staff person's time is devoted to program administration duties. Expenditures include salary, materials, travel, etc.

A request has been received from the East Side Task Force to enable them to assist with blight eradication efforts on Lodi's east side. This local community based group is requesting \$5,000 to help fund their efforts to attack blighted conditions which persist on the east side of Lodi. The funding for this group would be rolled into the Administration budget and would be used primarily for supplies, printing costs, mailing costs, etc.

Housing Rehabilitation

It is being proposed to allocate \$200,000 to this program for this year. This ongoing program rehabilitates owner-occupied structures anywhere in the City on the basis of income. Any homeowner can qualify if he/she meets the income requirements. Interest in and demand for the program has steadily increased each year.

APPROVED: _____

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Dial-a-Ride Transportation

It is being proposed to allocate \$5,000 to this program again this year. Through this program, discount ride tickets are distributed by Lodi's Community Service Center to enable senior citizens and other low income individuals to use Dial-a-Ride transportation. Demand for these tickets is expected to continue.

Lawrence Park Restroom Replacement; Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Compliance

An allocation of \$44,090.12 is being proposed for a Parks project to replace the restroom structure at Lawrence Park with a new prefabricated building. The new bathroom facility would be handicap accessible.

Emerson Park Restroom Replacement; ADA Compliance

An allocation of \$56,175.93 is being proposed for a Parks project to replace the restroom structure at Emerson Park with a new prefabricated building. The new bathroom facility would be handicap accessible.

Curb Ramps for Public Streets; ADA Compliance

It is being proposed to fund the replacement of some of the City's curbs with curb ramps in the amount of \$79,867.55. The program would install wheelchair access ramps at several sites identified by the Public Works Department as having received a lot of complaints.

San Joaquin Community Housing Resource Board (CHRB); Fair Housing Services

This agency is the referral agency for the county and the other cities within the county for fair housing and discrimination related issues. The funding request of \$9,963 is the City's share of the county total based on its size and the effort required to provide service in Lodi. The amount requested is different for each city. The CHRB assists low/moderate income individuals subjected to housing discrimination through outreach and counseling, referrals, and mediation and conciliation services.

Senior Services Agency of San Joaquin County; Kitchen Facility Construction

The Senior Services Agency of San Joaquin County is attempting to complete the construction of a new kitchen facility which was begun in 1990 utilizing CDBG and other funds. They are requesting \$24,239 from Lodi as well as an amount from every other city it serves, through the preparation and distribution of bulk food to local service agencies.

San Joaquin County Food Bank; Surplus Food Distribution Services

The Food Bank is requesting \$2,957 from Lodi, as well as an amount from each city in the county that uses their Services. Surplus food collected from producers and distributors is warehoused by the agency until it can be sorted and donated to local city service agencies. The funds will be used for a part-time staff position, vehicle operations and maintenance, and office operations and warehouse utilities.

Women's Center of San Joaquin County; Property Acquisition

The organization is requesting \$50,000 to be put together with other funding sources to purchase a house at 29 South Washington Street in Lodi. The house would be used as the permanent home for the agency which provides services to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault.

FUNDING: Originally budgeted - 1993-94
FUND: Community Development Block Grant
ALLOCATION: \$499,455


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Attachments

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